

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following statement of priority on page 1, after the title at line 4 of the specification as follows:

--This is a divisional of USSN 09/442,021 filed November 17, 1999 now pending, which claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Applications, 60/150,225 filed August 23, 1999, and 60/130,086 filed April 20, 1999, and which is a Continuation-In-Part of USSN 09/178,089, filed October 23, 1998 and granted as United States Patent No. 6,077,992 on June 20, 2000, which claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application 60/063504 filed October, 24 1997.--

Please delete the abstract and substitute the following text:

-- The invention relates to two plant transgene expression systems. The first is comprised of two chromosomally-integrated components that are individually heritable. One component is an inactive replicon, which contains *cis*-acting viral sequences required for replication and is unable to replicate episomally. The other component is a chimeric transactivating gene comprising a regulated promoter operably-linked to the coding region for a protein that can transactivate replicon replication. Regulated expression of the transactivation protein in plant cells containing the inactive replicon triggers release of free replicon from the integrated inactive replicon and allows episomal replication.--